IN THE CLAIMS:

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[handwritten: 03] 3.   (Currently Amended) A method for ~~processing an electronic receipt~~ maintaining inventory records of products being sold, the method comprising the computer-implemented steps of:

providing inventory records corresponding to a plurality of products for sale;

processing a purchase transaction for a first product of said plurality of products;

generating an electronic receipt comprising data concerning the purchase transaction;

storing ~~the~~ said electronic receipt on a removable storage medium;

at a different time or place, reading ~~the~~ said electronic receipt ~~on the~~ from said removable storage medium;

validating ~~the~~ said electronic receipt; and

[handwritten: 423] in response to validating ~~the~~ said electronic receipt,

providing an indication to proceed with a delivery of ~~goods or services related to the purchase transaction~~ said first product and

updating an inventory record corresponding to said first product ~~affected by said~~ to reflect the delivery of said first product. ~~goods or services.~~

4.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3 wherein ~~the~~ said step of validating ~~the~~ said electronic receipt further comprises inspecting a digital signature to verify the integrity of ~~the~~ said electronic receipt.   *[handwritten: 423]*

27. (Currently Amended) A computer program product in a computer-readable medium for ~~processing an electronic receipt~~ <u>maintaining inventory records for a plurality of items for sale</u>, the computer program product comprising:

first instructions for processing a purchase transaction;

second instructions for generating an electronic receipt comprising data concerning the purchase transaction;

third instructions for storing ~~the~~ <u>said</u> electronic receipt on a removable storage medium;

fourth instructions for reading ~~the~~ <u>said</u> electronic receipt on the removable storage medium;

fifth instructions for validating ~~the~~ <u>said</u> electronic receipt; and

sixth instructions for providing an indication to proceed with a delivery of ~~goods or services related to the purchase transaction~~ <u>said first item</u> in response to validating ~~the~~ <u>said</u> electronic receipt,

seventh instructions for updating an inventory <u>record corresponding to said first item</u> in response to validating the electronic receipt.

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28. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 27 wherein ~~the~~ <u>said</u> instructions for validating the electronic receipt further comprise instructions for inspecting a digital-signature to verify the integrity of ~~the~~ <u>said</u> electronic receipt.